STATEMENT LAID ON THE TABLE.

MR. K. GEORGE (*Financial Secretary to Government*): Under Rule 52 of the Legislative Council Regulation, I beg to place on the table the following statement of expenditure authorised by Government under Section 16 (9) of the Legislative Council Regulation, II of 1097, under Demand XXII—Miscellaneous—Rs. 46,900, being the amount sanctioned from State funds for flood relief for 1099 :—

	Amount. Rs.	Remarks.
Demand XXII—Miscellaneous.	46,900	The amount sanctioned from State funds for flood relief.

DEMANDS FOR GRANTS (*Contd.*)

DEMAND XV—MEDICAL DEPARTMENT (*Contd.*)

Motion 289 to 291.

The following motions were not moved :—

MR. M. N. PILLAI :

289. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 4,96,129 for Hospitals and Dispensaries by Rs. 100.

MR. N. KUMARAN :

290. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 16,500 for Bacteriological Laboratory by Rs. 100.

MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI :

291. To omit the allotment of Rs. 1,450 for Special Investigation Officer.

Motion 292.

MR. M. R. MADHAVA VARIAR (*Chengannur cum Pattanamtitta*) : Sir, I beg to move the following motion :—

292. To reduce the total allotment of Rs. 5·40 lakhs under Demand XV by Rs. 100.

I make this motion in order to discuss the question of amalgamating the Medical and Sanitary Departments. Now these two deprartments are separate and two highly-paid officers are appointed to supervise these Departments. For the Darbar Physician's office alone a sum of Rs. 23,400 is provided in the budget for 1100 and for the Sanitary Commissioner's, the sum provided is Rs. 15,988. My contention is that these two Departments can be efficiently supervised by the Darbar Physician with the aid of an assistant, and that by the amalgamation some saving can be made in the expenditure. The Sanitary Department took its origin in 1040 M. E. as the Vaccination Department, and it was then under the Darbar Physician. In 1070, the Government recognised the

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